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To: <daronhaddock@utah.gov>
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Subject: Alton Coal Mine permit #C/025/0005

Dear Mr. Haddock,

We are in extreme opposition to the Alton Coal Mine permit for the proposed mine just north of Kanab, Utah.

As property owners along Hwy 89 between Hatch and Panguitch since 2004 we are extremely against the operation of this proposed coal mine. We bought here in this area because of its beauty and rural influence.

Allowing the Alton Coal Mine to proceed will have an irreversible impact on this area. With tourism being the biggest employer in this area, many more jobs will be lost than the few that will come as a result of the coal mine.

The impact of the amount of coal trucks traveling Hwy 89 and 20 will be disastrous to all who live in the area and all who travel here. Imagine the extreme safety hazards for residents and visitors alike trying to walk across the streets in town, or trying to exit their own properties onto the highways with one coal truck every 120 seconds barreling along the highways! Not to mention the destruction of the highways themselves due to the coal trucks and the loads they carry. The environment will be heavily impacted by this decision and not for the better either.

Worse yet will be the destruction of the tourism of this area. The gross amount of coal truck traffic on Hwy 89 and 20 will be a huge deterrent to the millions of visitors that come to the area, especially to see Bryce Canyon National Park. Being a former travel professional I can guarantee that word will get out and many visitors will bypass this area to avoid the traffic of the coal trucks and the pollution they and the coal mine will generate. Thus the area losses will be great especially to the park system, area business' and the hotel and motel operators in this area. Property values will no doubt decline in the area and we are sure that many businesses' will be forced to close their doors when the visitors go elsewhere.

We remain in total opposition to the Alton Coal Mine. Please add our names to the long list of citizens who oppose this coal mine.

Sincerely,
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